REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated July 27, 2007. In the Advisory Action, Examiner removed the objections to the specification and drawings as well as to several claims. Applicants, therefore, have not resubmitted these specification and drawing amendments.

Notably, Examiner refused entry of the substantive amendments to the claims. Examiner, however, stated that "[n]ewly proposed or amended claims 17, 18 and 21-26 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s). Examiner also noted that Claim 19 and 20 were rejected for a single incorrect antecedant basis problem.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 19 and 20 to remove the antecedant basis problem identified by Examiner. Applicants have also canceled the remaining un-allowed (namely Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 10, 11, 13, and 15) from the current submission. No new matter has been added, and the amendments, which remove the un-allowed claims, also places the remaining claims in condition for allowance.

Applicants are not conceding in this application that the canceled claims, as originally presented, are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. The present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of subject matter indicated as allowable over the references. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have diligently responded to the Office Action by amending the claims to remove from consideration herein all claims that were not indicated as provisionally allowable by Examiner. Given Examiner's statement to that effect in the Advisory Action, the present amendments place the remaining claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicants further respectfully request the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

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